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ROBERT E. ANDREWS  
1ST DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

December 27, 2008

Mr. Jeff S. Jordon  
General Counsel Office  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 6140

Dear Mr. Jordon:

On behalf of Andrews for Congress, the undersigned treasurer hereby submits the following as a response to the December 2, 2008, Complaint filed by the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREWS"). As set forth below, the CREWS complaint is devoid of merit, and should be dismissed. There was full disclosure to the FEC of both (i) the lost luggage and (ii) the prompt airline reimbursement associated with Mr. Andrews' June 9, 2007 speech in Ithaca, New York, and there is simply no violation of the FEC regulations.

The salient facts evince the following:

1. On June 9, 2007, Congressman Rob Andrews boarded a plane associated with USAir, America West, to make a keynote speech at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Upon boarding the plane, he was advised that he could not carry on his luggage, but he would have to check the bag. He was concerned about checking his luggage because he was wearing shorts and a casual top, and he needed his suit late afternoon for the event. When he explained his concern to the attendant, he was assured the luggage would be there when he arrived.
2. Upon his arrival, he learned that the responsible airline, America West, had lost his luggage. The airline unsuccessfully attempted a search for the luggage. Because he had to attend a reception and give a speech in a matter of hours, Mr. Andrews had no choice but to replace his clothing and accessories.
3. Mr. Andrews used a Commerce Visa card, ending in number 2431 to replace the necessary articles. This card is primarily used for campaign-related expenditures and trips, but Mr. Andrews is personally and solely liable for all expenditures on this card.

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4. From June 9 through July 2007, Mr. Andrews had been repeatedly assured by America West that they would fully reimburse the expenses incurred by the lost luggage.
5. On July 2, 2007, the said Commerce Visa bill containing the CREWS disputed charges was paid in full. (See attached credit card statement dated 7/10/07 and check number 4669). At that time, America West again assured Mr. Andrews that the check was being issued.
6. On July 20, 2007, Mr. Andrews received the reimbursement check from the airline, which was made payable directly to him, as the ticket holder of the lost luggage. He endorsed the check immediately over to the Committee and it was promptly deposited. (See attached check from America West and deposit slip into Andrews for Congress checking account number ending in 0045).
7. On October 12, 2007, I filed the Committee's Third Quarter report with the FEC. I also filed Form 99, a Miscellaneous Report, explaining the lost luggage incident. I did this after calling the FEC and inquiring how to report the incident in the interest of full disclosure and so that our Reports Analysts could understand what happened. (See attached copy of filed FEC report form 99.) You will note that our Reports Analyst asked for some additional information to our report but never inquired about this incident. (See copy of RAI dated November 8, 2007).

As set forth above, there is no violation of the FEC regulations. A full review of the 2007 Third Quarter FEC Complaint clearly establishes that, in accordance with FEC guidelines, the Committee was fully notified of the incident and was satisfied that a timely and prompt reimbursement of the expenditures had properly occurred. As such, the CREWS complaint is devoid of merit and should be dismissed.

If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me. I await your response to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Maureen A. Doherty  
Treasurer

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Date

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Commerce Bank, N/A

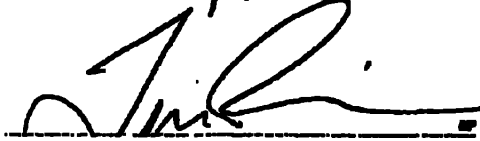
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Twenty five thousand seven hundred thirty seven and no/100 dollars

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For

Visa card 6/15/07



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COMMERCE BANK, N.A.  
P.O. BOX 2580  
CHERRY HILL NJ 08034-0372



VISA PLATINUM

Account Number



COMMERCE BANK, N.A.  
P.O. BOX 2580  
CHERRY HILL NJ 08034-0372

Payment Due Date

JUL 10, 2007

Amount Due

\$26,240.86

For Balance

Minimum Payment

or \$735.00

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ROBERT E ANDREWS  
215 4TH AVE  
HADDON HEIGHTS NJ 08035-1306

Amount Enclosed  
\$ 26,240.86

Please Make Check Payable  
to Commerce Bank, N.A.

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DEPOSIT TICKET

DATE 7/20/07

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| CURRENCY                           | 0       | 1     |
| COINS                              | 0       | 1     |
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AMERICA WEST

AIRLINES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 1-480-693-3470  
4000 E. SKY HARBOR BLVD.  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85034

PAY **NUMSHELL FRED FIRM** and 04/360 Dollars

TO THE  
ORDER  
OF

ROBERT ANDREWS  
111 4TH AVE.  
HAUDON HEIGHTS, NJ 08035

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
INT. SALES/INVENTORY

*Robert Andrews*  
ROBERT ANDREWS  
111 4TH AVE.  
HAUDON HEIGHTS, NJ 08035

| CHECK DATE | CHECK AMOUNT |
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| 07/29/97   | 04360.00     |

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1-800-877-8888  
9/2/1971  
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Folio Number:

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Form/Schedule: SA14

Transaction ID: SA14.1883

On June 9, 2007, the candidate was informed that his luggage was lost by American West Airlines while the candidate was enroute to give the keynote speech at Cornell University. As such the candidate had to purchase a whole set of clothes. The clothing costs was put on the campaign credit card. The airline re-imbursed the candidate for the cost of the clothes but only after the credit card bill was paid.

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Form/Schedule: SB21

Transaction ID: SB21.20174

this is a contribution that was originally listed on the 2nd Q report for \$500, which was over the limit. The check was not cashed and sent back to AFC. I amended the 2nd Q report to reflect that and this check was then issued.



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November 8, 2007

Maureen Doherty, Treasurer  
Andrews for Congress Committee  
215 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200  
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

Response Due Date:  
December 10, 2007

Identification Number: C00243428

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

1. Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in an election cycle. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name (initials are not acceptable), complete mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR § 100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)). See 11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)(B) for examples of acceptable statements regarding the requirements of federal law.

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public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations, and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1173.

Sincerely,



Sally R. Bacon  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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